



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF

**PARTNERS IN EDUCATION**

*Keeping Children at the Center*

January 10, 2002

Congressman Chaka Fattah  
House of Representatives  
1205 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Fattah:

The National Association of PARTNERS IN EDUCATION and its network of more than 4,000 partnership leaders in communities and schools throughout the United States supports the Student Bill of Rights. We applaud your effort to ensure that America's students have the guarantee they need to succeed in school and in life.

Our organization provides leadership in the formation and growth of effective partnerships between schools and their communities for all students. We have developed effective training materials on partnerships designed to provide students with service learning and community service opportunities. America's youth want and deserve an opportunity to learn while "giving back" to their community through service to those less advantaged than they.

We believe that students can and do learn more effectively when partnerships are developed between businesses and schools. That students benefit from caring adults in their lives has been well documented through research conducted by organizations such as ours and Search Institute.

Your Student Bill of Rights will help us as we develop more effective partnerships between schools and communities. You and your colleagues on Capitol Hill who support this effort are definitely moving in a direction that will benefit all Americans.

Please call on us if we can provide any additional assistance.

Sincerely,

Daniel W. Merenda  
President and CEO